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Are ordinary alkalines rechargeable?  
Homebrew Global Positioning System (GPS)  
LOOKING FOR OLD TRANSISTOR RADIOS  
Questions: Digital Scanning, Cellphones, Transmissions  
Station List  
W6RO @ The Queen Mary  
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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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indirect.com!bud.indirect.com!dmm@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Are ordinary alkalines rechargeable?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I was in a Radio Shack the other day and I overheard a salesperson selling  
someone a battery charger, and he was clearly claiming that it could recharge  
alkaline batteries. He even sold them ordinary RS alkalines, so we're not  
talking about the newfangled "rechargeable alkalines" which can be recharged  
something like 25 times.

On the air last night someone was complaining about how some RS staffers  
don't know what they're talking about and I chimed in and related this story.

I was then summarily "corrected" by someone else on the air who claimed that

RS did indeed have a special charger that recharged ordinary alkalines. Not wanting to start an argument, I signed off and went to check my new RS catalog.

I found no charger that claimed to charge ordinary alkalines. Furthermore, the catalog discussed the various battery types and the only type listed with the word "rechargeable" were NiCd's.

I'm aware that in the 70's, there were lots of chargers out there that claimed to be able to charge ordinary batteries, including carbon. I think some gov't agency finally cracked down on that deceptive advertising, and that's why nowadays only batteries that are genuinely rechargeable are labeled as such.

I tried to reach the person who "corrected" me but he had signed off, so everyone else in that QSO probably thinks I'm an idiot now.

ARE ordinary alkalines rechargeable?

Doug

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Date: 23 Aug 1994 07:25:00 +0200  
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Subject: Homebrew Global Positioning System (GPS)  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello from Germany!  
The Rockwell Comany offers for about 800 DM - 1500 DM GPS-Modules for  
customized applications. The modules have a RS232 interface.

Rainer M. Kreten

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Subject: LOOKING FOR OLD TRANSISTOR RADIOS  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm looking for old little transistor radios made in Japan or US from the  
1950s and 1960s. Willing to pay reasonable prices for these little pups.

Email with what you have.

Thanks.

Randy Padawer

(73 de WA4FJF)

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Subject: Questions: Digital Scanning, Cellphones, Transmissions  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Laurent PELLISSIER (lpelliss@ensm-ales.fr) wrote:

: Here in France the GSM system is very very inexpensive. In fact  
: some store sell one to you for FREE (but you have to subscribe for one  
: year to a telephone company). Also they are two operators of the GSM in  
: France (a third one is expected for soon!) so the competition between  
: them is very hard and the price decrease a lot. For example in the  
: beginning of the GSM (3 years ago) a such device cost 6000 FF (1 US\$  
: for 6 FF) now you can find some at less than 1000 FF. It's totally  
: crazy (especially for scanner listener). Moreover the GSM system is  
: scrambled so there is no {easy} way to listen them.  
: So I am very surprised to learn that in the US the digital  
: cellphones are so expensive.

Hi,

AFAIK, (maybe this has been discussed already) UK (and France) has the  
cheapest GSM service available (phones and network). As an example in  
Hong Kong, Motorola 7200 are around HK\$ 8800 (1 US\$ = 7.73 HK\$), Nokia  
2110 are around HK\$10k. The same phones cost about 150 - 250 GBP (UK)  
subject to a one year contract, add about 250 to 300 for no contract  
(usually referred to as ESN free, as the service provider holds it).  
Most of the world uses GSM, USA, Russia and Japan excepted. Great shame.

There are many major operators (service providers) in the UK, four  
digital, two analogue. (2 GSM + 2 DSC [like GSM but at 1.8GHz]).

regards  
Chun

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djw@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Station List  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

KICS,1550Khz is in Hastings,Nebraska. It is not in Lincoln.I do not  
receive it very well here in Lincoln as it is only 500 watts days. I  
wish there were a station closer or more powerful so I could give the  
show a listen!!! 73 de Dan --WA0JRD.....

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acs@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: W6RO @ The Queen Mary  
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Does anyone know specifically where the Spruce Goose was moved? I visited  
the Goose and the QM back in '86 but heard that someone had bought the  
Goose and moved her up the coast. Any accurate info will be appreciated.

Thanks and 73 de "A.C.", W5EZM in Houston, Texas

William A. Kirsanoff (William\_A.\_Kirsanoff@ccmail.anatcp.rockwell.COM) wrote:  
: WA2JGJ writes:

: When I was there several years ago (1992), all you had to do was  
: find the "Radio" room. As I recall, the current radio room is not  
: the same as the room used when the QM was actually in service. The  
: current room was located a deck below and just aft of the bridge  
: (if memory serve me correctly).

: I also read that the QM was closed (or at least Disney, which ran  
: the QM exhibit) and the attraction was closed. But I may not have  
: my facts straight.

: Disney did indeed bail out from managing the QM for the City of Long Beach  
: (who actually own her I believe). The Queen has since been reopened with  
: free admission for the self guided tours (much like the original  
: arrangement) and restaurants and the hotel as revenue sources. The radio  
: room is only open part time, I believe during peak tourist times. It was  
: closed last time I was aboard. A call to the Queen Mary (don't have the

: number, area code is 310) may help with determining the actual operating  
: schedule. Licenses amateurs may operate the station, bring your license.

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: Who are you? \* I am number 2. \* Who is number 1? \* You are number 6.  
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In article <9408281018591.DLITE.davesparks@delphi.com>, davesparks@delphi.com  
(Dave Sparks) writes:

>> Oh well, can't be a VE anymore... :(

> Just out of curiosity, why not? Is that considered a "conflict of  
> interest", or something?

Well Dave, paragraph 97.515(b) says that anyone who owns a significant interest  
in [not me], or is an employee of [I seem to fit in here], any company or  
other entity that is engaged in the manufacture or distribution of equipment  
used in connection with amateur station transmissions [etc.]... is ineligible  
to be an administering VE.

Now I know you are a good ham and have a current copy of Part 97 in your  
shack. Right Dave?                   Dave?                   Dave!

73 de WK1V

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